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Tur Dallas greenbackers are apposed to the whipping post. The steamboat Texas, recent-

ly sunk in the Red River, will prove a total loss. She was valued at \$15,000. An Austin special to the Telgrum says the house will pass

bill abolishing the office of adjutant general. The grand lodge K. of P. after a three days session at Fort Worth has adjourned. The

roccedings were harmonious. WRIGHT AND JOHNS, two convicted members of the Brewar county, Florida, cunvassing. board, have escaped from the

Jacksonville county jail. The prospects for the Hous-ton East and West Texas Narrow Gauge railway are again brightening. It seems to take

periodic spells of getting bright, Tuz republicans nominated Matt. H. Carpenter for United States senator from Wisconsin Conkling has been re-elected United States senator from New

ONE or two of our country exchanges seem to have read carefully the BANNER's remarks about local news and are brightening up a little in that partic-

THE Huntsville Item, displays good taste in copying items from the Bannes, but bad taste in not giving credit for them. her hopes of appearance on the stage again this season are very to this.

The committee on constitu al amendments have decid to report favorably on

from Boston for Havana with a full cargo and United States mail. This is an experimental trip, and if successful, a regular line will be established.

SENATOR CHRISTIANCY Of Michigan will resign his seat in the United States senate to accept a mission to Peru. Zack Chandler will, it is thought, be elected to fill the vacancy.

ELLISON KIELT, of Newberry, S. C., sued the New York Times for \$50,000 damages for libel. The case was tried in New York and the plantiff was given a verdict for 6 cents.

SENATOR MAXEY sends a telegram to C. B. Sabin, at Galveston, announcing his confirmation as postmaster of that city; the elegram concludes laconically: Continue to be a good officer.

Tun Chicago excursionists have arrived at the city of Mexico, and on the 23d the exhibition of American samples, brought by the deputation, was formally opened by President

Apvices from Rio Janeiro to the 7th inst. statethat drouth and small is pox increasing in northeast provinces. 473 deaths of small pox in the capital of the province of Ceara, in twenty

A King of Bulgaria has not yet been elected; Prince Alexander, of Bottenburg, is the favorite of the assembly. It will thus be seen that Grant's chances for a crown are all gone by the

The Russian and Turkish governments agreed to the clause of definite treaty of peace stipulating that the Russians shall evacuate Turkey within thirty-five days of the signature of the treaty.

In reply to the remark of another newspaper that "a little wholesale hanging in Texas would prove healthful to society" the Marshall Herold says a might be made.

THE Sherman Register says there is not a vacant dwelling house in that city. It is the same in Brenham and nearly every other live town in Texas, and what is better the country is keeping pace with the towns and cities.

THE capital building at Austin is in such a delapidated condition that it was deemed unsafe to have the inauguration ball in the hall of the house of representatives. Texas is certainly large enough to have a good state house.

Four six-pound brass howitzens have arrived at Bryan for the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Good gracious! Are we to have war? Has brass howitzers anything to do with agriculturel or mechanics?

GALVESTON'S "pet" vagrant, Col. Horace Yammer, who has been off on a cruise on one of the mosquito fleet has returned to his old range, and as usual has been interviewed by a News commissioner especially deputed for that purpose.

THE weekly bank statement of the associated bank of New York for last week shows an increase in specie of \$87,100 and an increase in deposits of \$3,-300,000. The figures indicate that resumption is working smoothly and satisfactorily.

THE Galveston Journal of Commerce in its last edition nese and other foreign coin. publishes a handsome cut of the new Galveston Cotton Exchange, which has just been completed. The building is very handsome and is an ornament to the Island city.

by an accident on the Texas her hopes of appearance on the dound to his credit. slim. Her dates in Texas will

Tun attempt of the Texas expenditure of time and money and can result in no good. abundantly able to handle this obstruse subject.

THE Teller committee is in session at Charleston, S. C. They have examined several negro witnesses who testified to crookedness on the part of the lemocrats. Several democrats behavior of the colored people.

THE directory of the A. and M. college, held a meeting at Austin on Friday. The proceedings were harmonious and the institution is reported to be in a flourishing condition. The colored college will, it is thought, be declared a failure and dis-

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON Susan Authory and others have again come to the front and presented a petition to the United States Senate asking a constitutional amendment to prohibit the several states from disfranchising persons on account of sex.

GREENBACKISM is on the wane in Galveston. A meeting was called at Emmett hall for Thursday night, but, in the language of the News, the greenbackers failed to materialize. Some came to the hall, but finding it in darkness departed in disgust. The greenback race is run.

THE local on the Sherman Register is a "dogorned" poet, that is he writes poetry about dogs. His opening verse reads, "A man he had an ugly dog," half a dozen lines of similarly beautiful verse follow. He explains that some of the lines don't rhyme very well, but excuses himself upon the ground that they are true.

THE Indian question seems to be a very difficult one to settle, the joint committee on the advisability of transferring the management of the Indian service to the war department, had retail business will do. Mistakes settlement than it was before grumbling and a little more The coronors jury justified Ball the committee was appointed. I work:

THE bill introduced in the house by Mr. Upton to increase the penalty for carrying concealed weapons to \$200 and enforced would perhaps break of "packing" pistols.

THE British Medical Journal says great alarm prevails in Eastern Europe over the rapid spread up the Volga river, in south-eastern Russia, of an extremely fatal disease, believed to be the plague brought to Russia by two regiments of Cossacks. The disease spreads very apidly and but few recover.

A F. TAL shooting occurred n Wayne county, Mississippi. Three negroes had a misunderstanding with three white men, brothers, named Gamblin; the Gamblins were ambuscaded by the negroes, who fired on them, wounding two and fatally injuring the third. The Gamblins returned the fire, killing two of

Mr. Estes, a member of the louse of representatives at Austin, seems anxious to establish a reputation as a financier and with this laudable object in view, he introduced a bill to make Mexican coin a legal tender in Texas for all dues, public and private, except otherwise provided by contract. He might as well include Chi-

THE Dallas Commercial is at loss to account for the motives of Reed, the defaulting Galveston bank cashier. Reed had an easy position and a salary of \$5000 per year, and so far there The Dallas Commercial says is no known cause for his run-Miss Pomeroy, who was injured ning away. It may have been pure cussedness on his part, or and Pacific railway some days he may have become involved ago, is improving slowly, but in a scrape that would not re-

REV. D. G. GREGORY retires from the editorial tripod of the LaGrange Record, though he retains his proprietary interest. R. J. Andrews mounts the raw legislature to tamper with the hide bottom editorial chair and financial problem is a useless promices to make the paper inand inexperienced. The path The federal government is of the country editor is not strwen with roses; nor is he liable to grow suddenly rich,

THE BANNER is in receipt of the Febuary number of the American Agriculturest; this old and favorite magazine is now in its 38th year. The present number has the usual and vartestified to the general good ied amount of interesting and instructive matter and in addition has many fine illustrations. It is published by the Orange Judd Company, 245 Broadway, New York at the low price of \$150 per year.

THE public schools, as now conducted, outside of the cities in Texas are generally pronounced to be not only a failure but a fraud upon the community. The system under which they are operated is said to be worthless. The BANNER will have something to say on this subject in a few days. It is in favor of an efficient system of public free schools for the counties.

Morrison Renshaw, a reporter of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, was put in jail for contempt by the judge of the criminal court. He attempted to get out by an appeal to a higher court, but it was decided of the contempt, if it takes his natural life time. He published something that had transpired in the grand jury room and refused to give his informant.

People whose annual taxesstate, and county- do not amount to more than five or ten of people whose taxes are much of the poorer or small tax payers find means to spend ten a meeting and voted 4 in favor drink the whiskey. This of flicting a serious wound. While of and 4 against the transfer. course is their own business, shooting, Ball and others open-The matter is now no nearer a but they should do a little less

In Houston the order of the Knights of Honor is in a prosperous condition. There is now some two hundred members of body of carnest, devoted and giving half the fine to the in- the order in the city. On Sat- almost enthusiastic representaformer is a good one. Such a urday night one lodge had six- tives, each one a host in himlaw thoroughly and impartially teen applications far member- self. Its animus shows that the ship. So far there has been but grange is so far from being dead up the now too prevalent habit one death. The average cost is just beginning to live. Acper member last year upon death | cording to the reports of the assessment was about \$10-a secretary, the number of live, cheap insurance, says the Tele- active granges in the State may

A. & M. COLLEGE.-A correspondent of the Waeo Examiner mense and very hungry elephant. He thinks it should be what its name imports-a school to make farmers and mechanics and to dignify labor. The writer had not neard of the six bound brass howitzers. He calls upon Grangers to come to the

EXTENSIVE preparations are being made in Galveston for the coming Mardi Gras celebration on February 25th. It is ntimated by the News that the occasion will be one of unusual splendor, neither pains nor expense having been spared in providing the most brilliant costumes and parapharnelia for the occasion. Invitations will be issued early in February.

CONGRESSMAN REAGAN'S bill regulating railroads having passed the house, a Boston Globe reporter was detailed to iterview the leading railroad men. As might have been expected the railroad men are bitterly opposed to any legislation on the subject, taking the ground that congress might as well attempt to regulate the sale of goods as the tariff of railroads. Such a law, they say, would only lead to additional complications of a matter that is already very much complicated.

MR. SLEDGE, the distinguished colored member from Washington county, has come to the front; he has introduced a bill in the house. He wants everybody to save his bacon, and with this object in view he wished a law passed, exempting from forced sale 200 bushels of corn and 500 pounds of bacon per each and every family. Mr. Gay, also colored, and from this county, has not yet been heard from, but he too, will no doubt soon present a bill.

THE Dallas Herald has good one on Judge Norton, the lately defeated radical candidate for governor. It says besides being postmaster he publishes a daily newspaper known as Norton's Intelligencer, though the fact is not generally known. [Several of the faithful in Brenham take Norton's paper, though there never was any news in it-Ed.] On Monday the Judge received his re-appointment as postmaster, and felt so happy over it that he at once sat down and wrote a leading editorial on "Brood Sows."

THE Houston Telegram objects to the whipping post as the relic of a past age, and also on account of its barbarity. If men or women steal they should suffer the consequences. If the law passes and men or women steal, they will do it with a knowledge of what awaits them. Under existing circumstances honest people who work and pay their taxes are charged with the support of petty thieves in the county jails. As between that he stay in jail until purged the post and the jail, the only question is shall the rogues or the honest people suffer.

An Austin special to the News gives the following: Sheriff Wilson, of Palo Pinto county, who came here to attend the a protracted spree. On the 23d dollars complain that they are about midnight he passed some taxed to death; the richer class | men on the sidwalk in front of a Congress avenue saloon. Some higher are not a whit behind man making a remark which he their poorer neighbors in their | construed as an insult, he drew complaints. A large majority his pistol and began firing, shooting three times. One ball struck Sam Ball, city marshal of Shertimes the amount of their man, mangling his finger, antaxes for whiskey and tobacco other destroyed his watch, the and have the time to spare to third struck a Mr. Ellison, ined fire, killing him on the spot. who was released

THE Waco Examiner says, the members of the State Grange at Sherman, were a simply be placed at 500.

THE Sedalia (Mo.,) Democrat is earnestly advocating the esregards the Agricultural and tablishment of the whipping Mechanical college as an impost in Missouri, It says:

Honest people, in this State are getting heartily sick and tired of feeding and clothing, from year's end to year's end, lot of lazy vagabonds who steal to get into jail, and who steal ust enough to keep out of the penitentiary. Right here, in this town of Sedalia, there are a dozen jail birds who will have to be supported for a whole year, at the rate of fifty cents a day, and who, when their time is out, will, in a majority of instances, make haste to get back again to their comfortable quar-

In Texas it is much the same; there are but few jails in the state that are empty.

N. A. T., the veracious correspondent of the Galveston News has been on a hunt to the Big Thicket in Liberty county. He tells what he saw. He says the "Big Thicket" is the "hellroaringest" place he ever got into. The people are all tallow-faced pot-bellied and have the chills. They live entirely on game cooked by frying, corn-dodgers and fried bacon. The deduction is that no smart man was ever raised on fried bacon and corn bread. He found a majority of the people in the thicket very ignorant, poorly housed and worse clothed. The probability is that if N. A. T. goes back to the thicket and the boys catch him

ernment mule. THE Philadelphia Sunday Mercury, of recent date, contains an able editorial upon "our finances," from which we extract the following concluding paragraphs which contain a world of truth:

that they will put a head on him

that would do honor to a gov-

"It would have been much better for the interests of the people of the United States, high and low, rich and poor, and for the national honor, had Congress abstained altogether from tinkering with the question of finance. It is a subject which is at all times difficult to handle judiciously, even when sagaciou clear-headed and honest statesmen undertake the labor; but under existing conditions its intricacies become more than ever formidable and therefore its further discussion at this time can not be too earnestly and generally deprecated.

Where an effect, whether good or evil, is the result of natural causes, it is always safe, and, indeed, advisable, to rely upon similar agencies to work a remedy. Had this truth been recog nized sooner with regard to this matter of the national finances much wasted time might have been saved, much foolish and truitless legislation avoided, and an era of renewed prosperity and happiness long since made

-At 10 c'clock on Friday night a fire was discovered in the brick building used as a store-house and office by the lessees of the penitentiary in Huntsville. Everything, including the books was lost. Col. Ward's fine dwelling was also destroyed and the penitentiary building narrowly escaped the same fate. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, The Galveston News' correspondent lost all his effects except his "prayer book" and a pair of slippers. We congratulate him on saving his prayer book-to a newspasheriffs' convention and got on per man a prayer book is as indispensible as a pencil.

"The Denison Headd favors the whipping post in an editorial a column in length. The Lampasas Dispatch, the Mexia Ledger, and in fact nearly all the respectable and influential papers in Texas are in favor of so says the Brenham BANNER. The Herald has for more than two years been advocating the whipping post, and we are very glad to see so many of our best State exchanges are advocating the same measure. We recog nize in the BANNER one of the oldest and most persistent adyocates of the post in the State. -Denison Herald.

STATE NEWS.

Senate, Jan. er condition. committees: Bill to prote operatives of is season.

nsure pay wi er, one of Recommending appropriate of the San of joint committee to investi-gate penitentianes at Rush and

Huntsville. Bills and resolutions introduced.

Executive session held. Templeton confirmed as secretary of state and Ball as assistant attorney general.

House-Mr. Loe asked that his bill to provide for building tim was Mrs. John T. Brady. capitol be transferred to judiciary committee.

By Mr. Bryan, joint resolution memorializing congress to send a commission to countries where yellow fever has its habitation, to study the same thoroughly. Passed. . By Stewart, of Houston, Re-

quiring the payment of a poll tax as a condition precedent to-

The usual number of bills and resolutions were offered.

Senate, Jan. 24.—The number of newspapers to be taken by the senate was discussed at some length and finally allowed to remain as it was.

Resolution by Mr. Motley that officers, chaplain and clerks of the senate receive \$5 per day. Adopted.

Mr, Hobby was elected pres ident pro tem. of the senate. The senate went into execu tive session. No final action.

House-. The speaker announced special committee to visit penitentiaries: Baker, chairman; Coleman, and Stewart, of Delta.

Petition from citizens of Grimes requiring payment of poll tax before voting.

A large number of bills and resolutions were referred. Mr. Clemens: To render more efficient the school law.

Mr. Jones, of Hunt: Amending penal code fixing death or penitentiary for life for arson. Also bill making highway robbery a capital offense.

plain white tickets without pictures or devices, and that they be written or printed with black

Mr. Upton: To amend law carrying concealed weapons. It increases the penalty \$200 fine, and provides that informers shall receive half the fine.

Senate Jan. 25, Resolutions appointing a committee of three, who shall have power to bring persons before it for the purpose of inquiring into the publication of certain matters in the Galveston, News, adopted.

A number of committee reports were received and bills

and resolutions introduced. In executive session I. Iones was confirmed as adju tant general and V. O. King as commissioner of insurance, etc.

House.-The speaker announced a special committee on code of criminal procedure. A large batch of new bills were introduced.

The silver question was discussed at considerable length. The committee on bill authorizing counties to impose tax to pay debts for building courthouses, etc., reported adversely. Report adopted.

The bill repealing the dog tax was discussed and will probably

A PETITION is in circulation in Galveston to the legislature to nullify all granted charter rights and making provisions for the election of a board of commissioners who shall wind up the affairs of the city and limiting their power to levy and collect a tax of not over 3-4 of one per cent, for all purposes.

- A general fight took place in the edge of Collin county between a party of Lawrence county emigrants. About forty shots were fired and four or five men and a woman wounded .-The party, at the conclusion of the battle, went over into Denton county to avoid arrest.

ago a party of expert burglars robbed three dwelling houses of clothing, provisions, jewelry less damaged. Loss about \$20. At that hour he was called, but and money.

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were turned loose n the river at Jefferson.

- Waco was blest with a sunset of almost celestial beauty, so says the Examiner. - Pneumonia is proving quite

fatal in Houston; the latest vic-- John Smith was arrested

and jailed at Hearne. He is charged with stealing cattle. - Houston's new police force will be uniformed. City prisoners will be put to work on the

streets. - W. A. Ellis, who is under ndictment for swindling at Dalas, has been arrested in New hours deliberation, returned a Vork.

- The Jefferson Jimp boasts that the mud is now deeper on the streets than at any time before this winter.

- San Saba has a grist mill which when put to its utmost corn in a day.

- Farming operations are backward in Fayette county; in ome portions but little plowing has been done.

- Fort Bend county is shiping wood to Galveston; 13 car loads came in by the Santa Fe road on Thursday.

- Houston's fire horses are happy; arrangements have been made to procure forage for them for thirty days. - In Huntsville there are

everal men who are trying to make fortunes by sunning themelves on the street corners. - A family of five persons

amed Becker, are seriously ill with trichinae, in San Antonio. They are pork partially cooked. - Burglars, probably novices

in the business, entered Alexander's store in LaGrange, and ject. Mr. McComb: Amending made an ineffectual attempt to nen his safe. - A citizens meeting was

> were appointed and an earnest effort will be made to improve the streets. - W. R. King, who was shot at Bryan, by an ex-policeman a day or two ago, is dead. The

> shootist is in the county jail. Excitement high. - Tom Thaxton, informs the San Saba News that 165 wild turkeys came to his ranch on the

them off the premises. - Wonder if there is any lunatics in San Saba county. The San Saba News publishes a two column communication un-

Brady and it was hard to drive

der the caption of "The Moon." - Dallas is beset by impudent and hungry tramps. They go to houses when the men are away from home and insult wo

men if not furnished with food. - Julius Toettel, the man sho murdered a saloon keeper in Denison, has been arrested and committed to jail in Sherman to await the action of the

- The current expense of Walker county for 1878 were \$4672.04. The cost of keeping prisoners was \$462.45; of upporting paupers \$768.30; jurors \$1505.93.

- The credit of the city of Houston is at so low an ebb that the council can not buy a few bales of hay and sacks of oats to feed the horses belonging to the fire department. - The Huntsville Item says

Wes Hardin is slowly recoverng from his 39 fashes, adminis tered a few weeks back. He says odd numbers have lost their charms for him. - A porpoise was killed in the bayou at Houston on Thurs-

It is seldom that a porpoise gets so high up the bayou. - J. Nevins' dry goods and day morning. Several law and insurance offices were more or

- At a horse race at Arlington, Dallas county, two young men, Williams and Johnson, settled a quarrel with pistols. Williams was seriously woun-

- A genuine South American armadillo was captured by an Atascosa county farmer and ago 60,000 taken to San Antonio. How the armadillo got so far from its native country is not explained.

- Dallas is soon to have a municipal election. It is to be a scrub race. Two candidates for mayor have already entered -it is supposed there will be five entries before the start.

- Denison had a mad dom excitement last week; a little boy about two years old was bitten by a little dog, which afterwards had fits and those versed in "dogolgy" pronounced it

mad. - In the Quisenbury case, st Palestine, the jury, after twelve verdict of not guilty. The other defendants in the Grayson case will have a hearing upon

habeas corpus. - Judge Williams is a colored gentleman who lives in Houston; he makes a living by stealcapacity, grinds nine bushels of ing chickens. The Telegram says it is presumed he obtained his title by his ability to "judge"

chickens. - According to the Item, full-blooded cock-pit is in blast in that moral and model little city. It says the sport is exciting and the fowl delights in it as much as the spectator. No doubt the Item man was "thar."

- The Dallas grand jury after a two months setting has adjourned. It found over two hundred bills of indictment, mostly for misdemeanors; all of which goes to how that Dallas county is very moral.

- Houston's new mayor prooses inflicting exemplary fines; e thinks that offenders should be punished and in order to do this he makes his fines heavy. It seems that heretofore the costs have been the main ob-

- There are in Texas 966,-077 horses and mules, valued at \$20,242,896; 3,263,373 cattle, at \$18,048,5290 jacks and jennies, held in Honston; committees at £178,816; 2,227,839 sheep, at \$2,829,104;223417 goats, at \$161,134; and 1,286,033 hogs, \$2,257,002. Total. \$54,717.915.

> - Henry Bell, a horse specilator, is now in the Sherman jail. He got there by selling a pony that he did'nt own; he is also charged with having stolen some twenty other horses, in fact he has been doing a very profitable business in his spe

- In Waco the police cap tured a festive crowd of Bacchannalians. There was only three of them, yet four immense revolvers were found in their possession. The men were strangers from the vicinity of Mexia and were simply "doing"

- In the recorder's court at Waco the other day three men were fined; one paid costs, another trimmings and the third perquisites. These three things. costs, trimmings and perquisites render the life of city recorders, mayors and police court justices tolerable; without them life would be a bore.

- Many farmers in McLenpan county have yet cotton and grain to bring to market. Farmers in all the adjoining counties speakcheeringly of the wheat andoat prospect and say that live stock of all kinds is in good condition.

- At Bryan at difficulty occurred between W. R. King, a prominent lumber dealer and Solon Randle, an ex-policeman. Eight or ten shots passed. King was mortally wounded: Randle received a flesh wound in the hip.

- The Galveston News of

day. It measured 8 feet in death of Mr. A. Robirs, of the the Packard government to go ength and weighed 384 pounds. firm of Preston & Robira, drug- over to the Nichols legislatu gists of Galveston. Mr. R. had The Potter committee will in been unwell for several days vestigate the matter. and had been taking narcotics. Ledricks' furniture stores at He took an ordinary dose of - At Bonham a few days | Denison were burned on Satur- | chloral and morphine and weat up stairs in his store leaving instructions to be called at I P. M. all attempts to rouse him failed. | cent

The Newspaper 2

Twenty Impolite Things 1 Loud and boisterous laugh-

2 Reading when others are 3 Talking when others are

4 Cutting finger-nails in com 5 Joking others in company 6 Gazing rudely at strangers.
7 Making yourself bero of

our own story. 8 Laughing at others while

they are singing.

9 Reading aloud in company without being asked.

10 Spitting about the house,

smoking or chewing.

11 Leaving church before worship is closed.

12 Whispering or laughing in the house of God.

13 A want of respect and everence for senior 14 Correcting older persons than yourself, especially parents

15 Receiving a present with-out an expression of gratitude. 16 Not listening to what one is saying in company. on as you get to the tab

18 Answering questions the have been put to others 19 Commencing talking b ing. 20 Laughing at the mistakes

How to Cook a Husband The first thing to be done is to The first thing to be done as to catch him. Having done so, the mode of cooking him so as to make a good dish is as follows: Many good husbands are spoiled in cooking. Some women have them constantly in hot keep them co them up with t ood if treated in t usewives have on har let the fire be pretty cially let it be clear, over with affection a ion; garnish him with th es and other conf nixed with prudence and m

eration. Louisiana, says General G. T erself if she is let alon bored by constant visits of

For a long time the rai in Great Britain in order enable the government to realize the greatest amount of reven ue from it. It is now pro to allow it to be cultivat order to give employment to the people who are out of work

THE Missouri state lunation sylum near St. Joe has been burned. The patients were removed. The building cost \$190,000, but as the legislatur has refused to make an appropriation for assurance it is a total loss.

THE BRENHAM BANNER has been enlarged to a nine col paper. It is now one of the largest and most new interior weeklies. We'c ulate brother Rankin on his evident prosperity

IT is reported that the Louis the 24th reports the sudden iana Lottery company induced